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*Looseleaf for How to Think About Weird Things:  
Critical Thinking for a New Age* - Theodore  
Schick, Jr. 2019-02-01

How to Think about Weird Things, is a concise and engaging text that offers students a step-by-step process by which to determine when a claim is likely to be true. Schick and Vaughn provide a course on critical thinking- emphasizing neither debunking nor advocating specific claims, but rather explaining principles of good reasoning that enable students to evaluate any claim, no matter how strange, for themselves. By teaching readers how to distinguish good reasons from bad reasons for believing a claim, this text helps students improve their decision-making abilities and provides them with a powerful weapon against all forms of hucksterism.

**How to Think about Weird Things** - SCHICK  
2019-02

*Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science* - Martin  
Gardner 2012-05-04

Fair, witty appraisal of cranks, quacks, and quackeries of science and pseudoscience: hollow earth, Velikovsky, orgone energy, Dianetics, flying saucers, Bridey Murphy, food and medical fads, and much more.

*The Power of Critical Thinking* - Lewis Vaughn  
2019-03

Provides the broadest range of tools, enabling students to think critically about their lives and the world around them. This comprehensive and engaging introduction to critical analysis delivers clear, step-by-step guidelines that provide students with the tools they need to systematically and rationally evaluate arguments, claims, and evidence. Fully up-to-date with examples from contemporary culture, politics, and media, this text helps students develop the skills they need to engage

meaningfully with the world around them.

Readings in the Philosophy of Science: From Positivism to Postmodernism - Theodore Schick  
1999-12-10

This anthology traces the development of thinking in the philosophy of science from logical positivism to the present. Subsequent articles often clarify or critique preceding ones. As a result, students get a sense of how philosophical theories develop in response to one another.

**Theatre: A Way of Seeing** - Milly S. Barranger  
2014-01-01

Consistently praised as streamlined and clear and student friendly, THEATRE: A WAY OF SEEING offers the beginning theatre student an exciting, full-color introduction to all aspects of theatre. It presents the experience of theatre, who sees it, what is seen, and where and how it is seen largely from the viewpoint of audiences exposed to a

complex, living art that involves people, spaces, plays, designs, staging, forms, language, and productions. The book includes the appropriate coverage of the history, diversity, and most critical moments in theatre in a way that encourages students to experience theatre as a performing art and humanistic event. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

**Critical Thinking** - Gregory Bassham 2008

This clear, learner-friendly text helps today's students bridge the gap between everyday culture and critical thinking. The text covers all the basics of critical thinking, beginning where students are, not where we think they should be. Its comprehensiveness allows instructors to tailor the material to their individual teaching styles, resulting in an exceptionally versatile text.

*The Principles of Uncertainty* - Maira Kalman

2009-10-27

“Sublime . . . Kalman’s elegantly witty and at times melancholy narrative runs arm in arm with her unmistakable paintings on a serendipitous romp through the history of the world.” —Vanity Fair  
“Wildly original . . . there’s nothing else even remotely like it . . . This hilarious, wise, and deeply moving volume [is] the ultimate picture book for grown-ups.” —O Magazine  
Maira Kalman paints her highly personal worldview in this inimitable combination of image and text. An irresistible invitation to experience life through a beloved artist's psyche, *The Principles of Uncertainty* is a compilation of Maira Kalman's New York Times columns. Part personal narrative, part documentary, part travelogue, part chapbook, and all Kalman, these brilliant, whimsical paintings, ideas, and images - which initially appear random - ultimately

form an intricately interconnected worldview, an idiosyncratic inner monologue.

**More Matrix and Philosophy** - William Irwin 2005

Explores how the "Matrix" movies deal with a variety of philosophical questions and issues, including cynicism, obfuscation, and postmodernist despair.

*The Lord of the Rings and Philosophy* - Gregory Bassham 2013-11-13

*The Lord of the Rings* is intended to be applicable to the real world of relationships, religion, pleasure, pain, and politics. Tolkien himself said that his grand tale of wizards, orcs, hobbits, and elves was aimed at truth and good morals in the actual world. Analysis of the popular appeal of *The Lord of the Rings* (on websites and elsewhere) shows that Tolkien fans are hungry for discussion of the urgent moral and cosmological issues arising out of this fantastic epic story. Can political power be wielded for good, or

must it always corrupt? Does technology destroy the truly human? Is it morally wrong to give up hope? Can we find meaning in chance events? In *The Lord of the Rings and Philosophy*, seventeen young philosophy professors, all of them ardent Tolkien fans and most of them contributors to the four earlier volumes in the *Popular Culture and Philosophy* series, address some of these important issues and show how clues to their solutions may be found in the imaginary world of Middle-earth. The book is divided into five sections, concerned with Power and the Ring, the Quest for Happiness, Good and Evil in Middle-earth, Time and Mortality, and the Relevance

***Seinfeld and Philosophy*** - William Irwin 2010-08

How is Jerry like Socrates? Is it rational for George to "do the opposite?" Would Simone de Beauvoir say that Elaine is a feminist? Is Kramer stuck in Kierkegaard's aesthetic stage? *Seinfeld* and

Philosophy is both an enlightening look at the most popular sitcom of the decade and an entertaining introduction to philosophy via *Seinfeld's* plots and characters. These fourteen essays, which explore the ideas of Plato, Aristotle, Lao-Tzu, Heidegger, Kant, Marx, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Sartre, and Wittgenstein, will show readers how to be masters of their philosophical domain.

***A Beginner's Guide to Scientific Method*** - Stephen S. Carey 2011-01-01

This concise yet comprehensive guide provides an introduction to the scientific method of inquiry as well as detailed coverage of the many misapplications of scientific method that define pseudoscience. Compact enough to be used as a supplementary book in a science class, yet thorough enough in its coverage to be used as a core text in a class on scientific method, this text assists students in using the scientific method to design and assess

experiments. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

**My Brother Theodore Roosevelt** - Corinne Roosevelt Robinson 1921

**The Evil of Banality** - Elizabeth K. Minnich 2016-12-07

Asking, How could they do it? about the many ordinary people who have been perpetrators and those who resist extensive evils—genocide, human trafficking, endemic sexualized violations of females, economic exploitation—the book delves into historic, contemporary, national, and international examples. The author, a moral philosopher, draws also on literature, psychology, economics, journalism, pop culture. Reversing Arendt’s banality of evil, she finds that mind-

deadening banality, thoughtless conventionality, ambition, greed, status-seeking enable the evil of banality.

**How to Think About Weird Things** - Theodore Schick, Jr. 1998-09-01

**A Critical Introduction to the Ethics of Abortion** - Bernie Cantens 2019-02-07

A Critical Introduction to the Ethics of Abortion addresses some of the most prominent and influential arguments to the abortion debate. These include the Being a Person verses Functioning as a Person Argument, women's rights vis-à-vis the rights of the foetus, personhood as an essentially contested concept, and a virtue ethics approach. Also covered are central bioethical issues concerning prenatal screening, stem cell research and cloning. Based on a critical assessment of the evidence, the book offers an impartial view and draws on the

importance of critical thinking and the logic of argumentation. Providing an overview of the legal history of abortion in the United States, it discusses five of the most influential Supreme Court cases on abortion law during the past fifty years and examines the current state of abortion law, politics and the main trends. Presenting a balance between ethical concepts, views and arguments, *A Critical Introduction to the Ethics of Abortion* is an up-to-date introduction to the choice of abortion illustrating the importance of evidence, clear thinking and good arguments for supporting one's ethical beliefs.

**Hot** - Mark Hertsgaard 2011-01-19

An “informative and vividly reported book” that goes beyond the politics of climate change to explore practical ways we can adapt and survive (San Francisco Chronicle). Journalist Mark Hertsgaard has reported on global warming for

outlets including the New Yorker, NPR, Time, and Vanity Fair. But it was only after he became a father that he started thinking about the two billion young people worldwide who will spend the rest of their lives coping with mounting climate disruption. In *Hot*, he presents a well-researched blueprint for how all of us—parents, communities, companies, and countries—can navigate this unavoidable new era. Reporting from across the nation and around the world, Hertsgaard provides examples of ambitious attempts to mitigate the effects of sea-level rise, mega-storms, famine, and other threats—and an “urgent message . . . that citizens and governments cannot afford to ignore” (The Boston Globe). “This readable, passionate book is surprisingly optimistic: Seattle, Chicago, and New York are making long-term, comprehensive plans for flooding and drought. Impoverished farmers in the already drought-stricken African Sahel have

discovered how to substantially improve yields and decrease malnutrition by growing trees among their crops, and the technique has spread across the region; Bangladeshis, some of the poorest and most flood-vulnerable yet resilient people on earth, are developing imaginative innovations such as weaving floating gardens from water hyacinth that lift with rising water. Contrasting the Netherlands' 200-year flood plans to the New Orleans Katrina disaster, Hertsgaard points out that social structures, even more than technology, will determine success, and persuasively argues that human survival depends on bottom-up, citizen-driven government action.” —Publishers Weekly “His analysis of the impact of global warming on industries as different as winemaking and insurance is intriguing, and his well-supported conclusion that social change can beat back climate change is inspiring . . . an exceptionally productive approach to a confounding

reality.” —Booklist “This is an important book.”  
—Bill McKibben

**How to Think about Weird Things** - Schick, Jr. (Theodore) 2010-05

This brief, inexpensive text helps the reader to think critically, using examples from the weird claims and beliefs that abound in our culture to demonstrate the sound evaluation of any claim. The authors focus on types of logical arguments and proofs, making *How to Think about Weird Things* a versatile supplement for logic, critical thinking, philosophy of science, or any other science appreciation courses.

**How to Think About Weird Things: Critical Thinking for a New Age** - Theodore Schick, Jr. 2013-01-28

This concise and engaging text teaches the basic principles of good reasoning through an examination of widely held beliefs about the



paranormal, the supernatural, and the mysterious. By explaining what distinguishes knowledge from opinion, science from pseudoscience, and evidence from hearsay, *How to Think about Weird Things* helps the reader develop the skills needed to tell the true from the false and the reasonable from the unreasonable. Instructors and students can now access their course content through the Connect digital learning platform by purchasing either standalone Connect access or a bundle of print and Connect access. McGraw-Hill Connect® is a subscription-based learning service accessible online through your personal computer or tablet. Choose this option if your instructor will require Connect to be used in the course. Your subscription to Connect includes the following: • SmartBook® - an adaptive digital version of the course textbook that personalizes your reading experience based on how well you are learning the content. • Access to your

instructor's homework assignments, quizzes, syllabus, notes, reminders, and other important files for the course. • Progress dashboards that quickly show how you are performing on your assignments and tips for improvement. • The option to purchase (for a small fee) a print version of the book. This binder-ready, loose-leaf version includes free shipping. Complete system requirements to use Connect can be found here:

<http://www.mheducation.com/highered/platforms/connect/training-support-students.html>

**Studyguide for How to Think about Weird Things: Critical Thinking for a New Age by Theodore Schick, ISBN 9780077423940** - Cram101 Textbook Reviews 2014-01-01

Never HIGHLIGHT a Book Again! Virtually all of the testable terms, concepts, persons, places, and events from the textbook are included. Cram101 Just the FACTS101 studyguides give all of the

outlines, highlights, notes, and quizzes for your textbook with optional online comprehensive practice tests. Only Cram101 is Textbook Specific. Accompanys: 9780077423940 .

*Applying Critical Thinking to Modern Media* - Lewis Vaughn 2020-08

"This is the only book that teaches critical thinking skills by applying them to the consumption of modern media. The active involvement with this vitally important area enhances student engagement and learning and prepares students to be independent and intelligent consumers of information that they encounter in their daily lives"--

**Beer and Philosophy** - Steven D. Hales 2007-11-19

A beer-lovers' book which playfully examines a myriad of philosophical concerns related to beer consumption. Effectively demonstrates how real philosophical issues exist just below the surface of

our everyday activities Divided into four sections: The Art of the Beer; The Ethics of Beer: Pleasures, Freedom, and Character; The Metaphysics and Epistemology of Beer; and Beer in the History of Philosophy Uses the context of beer to expose George Berkeley's views on fermented beverages as a medical cure; to inspect Immanuel Kant's transcendental idealism through beer goggles, and to sort out Friedrich Nietzsche's simultaneous praise and condemnation of intoxication Written for beer-lovers who want to think while they drink

**Doing Philosophy with Connect Access Card** -

Theodore Schick 2014-10-03

Now in its fifth successful edition, *Doing Philosophy* helps students understand the nature and purpose of philosophical inquiry by explaining what philosophical problems are, how they can be solved, and why searching for solutions is important. The book traces the historical development of

philosophical thinking on a number of central problems and shows how philosophical theories have evolved in response to criticism. By introducing students to philosophical theorizing and encouraging them to formulate their own views, *Doing Philosophy* inspires active learning and helps students become more accomplished critical thinkers. McGraw-Hill Connect® is a subscription-based learning service accessible online through your personal computer or tablet. Choose this option if your instructor will require Connect to be used in the course. Your subscription to Connect includes the following:

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show how you are performing on your assignments and tips for improvement.

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**No Sense of Obligation** - Matt Young 2001-10-31  
Some of the Praise for *No Sense of Obligation* . . .  
fascinating analysis of religious belief -- Steve Allen, author, composer, entertainer [A] tour de force of science and religion, reason and faith, denoting in clear and unmistakable language and rhetoric what science really reveals about the cosmos, the world, and ourselves. Michael Shermer, Publisher, *Skeptic Magazine*; Author, *How We Believe: The Search for God in an Age of Science* About the Book  
Rejecting belief without evidence, a scientist

searches the scientific, theological, and philosophical literature for a sign from God--and finds him to be an allegory. This remarkable book, written in the laypersons language, leaves no room for unproven ideas and instead seeks hard evidence for the existence of God. The author, a sympathetic critic and observer of religion, finds instead a physical universe that exists reasonlessly. He attributes good and evil to biology, not to God. In place of theism, the author gives us the knowledge that the universe is intelligible and that we are grownups, responsible for ourselves. He finds salvation in the here and now, and no ultimate purpose in life, except as we define it.

*Star Trek and Philosophy* - Kevin S. Decker  
2008-09-01

Philosophy and space travel are characterized by the same fundamental purpose: exploration. An essential guide for both philosophers and Trekkers,

*Star Trek and Philosophy* combines a philosophical spirit of inquiry with the beloved television and film series to consider questions not only about the scientific prospects of interstellar travel but also the inward journey to examine the human condition. The expansive topics range from the possibilities for communication among different cultural backgrounds to questions about the stoic temperament exhibited by Vulcans to Ferengi business practices. Specifically chosen to break new ground in exploring the philosophical dimensions of *Star Trek*, these articles boldly go where no philosopher has gone before.

*Looseleaf for Doing Philosophy: An Introduction Through Thought Experiments* - Lewis Vaughn  
2019-01-25

Doing philosophy inspires active learning and helps students become more accomplished critical thinkers by encouraging them to reflect on

philosophical theories and the thought experiments used to test them. The book traces the historical development of philosophical thinking on a number of central problems and shows how the solutions offered to these problems inform current thinking on many social, political, and religious issues. By introducing students to philosophical theorizing and encouraging them to formulate their own views, *Doing Philosophy* fosters creative as well as critical thinking and generates an appreciation for the importance of philosophical inquiry.

*Don't Believe Everything You Think* - Thomas E. Kida 2009-09-25

Do you believe that you can consistently beat the stock market if you put in the effort? —that some people have extrasensory perception? —that crime and drug abuse in America are on the rise? Many people hold one or more of these beliefs although research shows that they are not true. And it's no

wonder since advertising and some among the media promote these and many more questionable notions. Although our creative problem-solving capacity is what has made humans the successful species we are, our brains are prone to certain kinds of errors that only careful critical thinking can correct. This enlightening book discusses how to recognize faulty thinking and develop the necessary skills to become a more effective problem solver. Author Thomas Kida identifies “the six-pack of problems” that leads many of us unconsciously to accept false ideas: · We prefer stories to statistics. · We seek to confirm, not to question, our ideas. · We rarely appreciate the role of chance and coincidence in shaping events. · We sometimes misperceive the world around us. · We tend to oversimplify our thinking. · Our memories are often inaccurate. Kida vividly illustrates these tendencies with numerous examples that demonstrate how easily we can be

fooled into believing something that isn't true. In a complex society where success—in all facets of life—often requires the ability to evaluate the validity of many conflicting claims, the critical-thinking skills examined in this informative and engaging book will prove invaluable.

*Jesus Before the Gospels* - Bart D. Ehrman

2016-03-01

The bestselling author of *Misquoting Jesus*, one of the most renowned and controversial Bible scholars in the world today examines oral tradition and its role in shaping the stories about Jesus we encounter in the New Testament—and ultimately in our understanding of Christianity. Throughout much of human history, our most important stories were passed down orally—including the stories about Jesus before they became written down in the Gospels. In this fascinating and deeply researched work, leading Bible scholar Bart D. Ehrman

investigates the role oral history has played in the New Testament—how the telling of these stories not only spread Jesus' message but helped shape it. A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman draws on a range of disciplines, including psychology and anthropology, to examine the role of memory in the creation of the Gospels. Explaining how oral tradition evolves based on the latest scientific research, he demonstrates how the act of telling and retelling impacts the story, the storyteller, and the listener—crucial insights that challenge our typical historical understanding of the silent period between when Jesus lived and died and when his stories began to be written down. As he did in his previous books on religious scholarship, debates on New Testament authorship, and the existence of Jesus of Nazareth, Ehrman combines his deep knowledge and meticulous scholarship in a compelling and eye-opening narrative that will

change the way we read and think about these sacred texts.

**Bad Arguments** - Robert Arp 2018-10-29

A timely and accessible guide to 100 of the most infamous logical fallacies in Western philosophy, helping readers avoid and detect false assumptions and faulty reasoning You'll love this book or you'll hate it. So, you're either with us or against us. And if you're against us then you hate books. No true intellectual would hate this book. Ever decide to avoid a restaurant because of one bad meal? Choose a product because a celebrity endorsed it? Or ignore what a politician says because she's not a member of your party? For as long as people have been discussing, conversing, persuading, advocating, proselytizing, pontificating, or otherwise stating their case, their arguments have been vulnerable to false assumptions and faulty reasoning. Drawing upon a long history of logical falsehoods and

philosophical flubs, *Bad Arguments* demonstrates how misguided arguments come to be, and what we can do to detect them in the rhetoric of others and avoid using them ourselves. Fallacies—or conclusions that don't follow from their premise—are at the root of most bad arguments, but it can be easy to stumble into a fallacy without realizing it. In this clear and concise guide to good arguments gone bad, Robert Arp, Steven Barbone, and Michael Bruce take readers through 100 of the most infamous fallacies in Western philosophy, identifying the most common missteps, pitfalls, and dead-ends of arguments gone awry. Whether an instance of sunk costs, is ought, affirming the consequent, moving the goal post, begging the question, or the ever-popular slippery slope, each fallacy engages with examples drawn from contemporary politics, economics, media, and popular culture. Further diagrams and tables

supplement entries and contextualize common errors in logical reasoning. At a time in our world when it is crucial to be able to identify and challenge rhetorical half-truths, this book helps readers to better understand flawed argumentation and develop logical literacy. Unrivaled in its breadth of coverage and a worthy companion to its sister volume *Just the Arguments* (2011), *Bad Arguments* is an essential tool for undergraduate students and general readers looking to hone their critical thinking and rhetorical skills.

*Doing Philosophy* - Theodore Schick 2003

Helps students understand the nature and purpose of philosophical inquiry, by explaining what philosophical problems are, how they can be solved, and why searching for solutions is important. By acquainting students with philosophical theories and the thought experiments used to test them, this text fosters helps students become better thinkers.

### **Doing Philosophy: An Introduction Through**

**Thought Experiments** - Lewis Vaughn 2012-09-04

Now in its fifth successful edition, *Doing Philosophy* helps students understand the nature and purpose of philosophical inquiry by explaining what philosophical problems are, how they can be solved, and why searching for solutions is important. The book traces the historical development of philosophical thinking on a number of central problems and shows how philosophical theories have evolved in response to criticism. By introducing students to philosophical theorizing and encouraging them to formulate their own views, *Doing Philosophy* inspires active learning and helps students become more accomplished critical thinkers. Instructors and students can now access their course content through the Connect digital learning platform by purchasing either standalone Connect access or a bundle of print and Connect



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*The Matrix and Philosophy* - William Irwin 2002

Presents essays exploring the philosophical themes of the motion picture "The Matrix," which portrays a false world created from nothing but perceptions.

**The Moral Life** - Louis P. Pojman 2007

Featuring new selections chosen by coeditor Lewis Vaughn, the third edition of Louis P. Pojman's *The Moral Life: An Introductory Reader in Ethics and Literature* brings together an extensive and varied collection of ninety-one classical and contemporary readings on ethical theory and practice. Integrating literature with philosophy in an innovative way, the book uses literary works to enliven and make concrete the ethical theory or applied issues addressed in each chapter. Literary works by Camus, Hawthorne, Hugo, Huxley, Ibsen, Le Guin, Melville, Orwell, Styron, Tolstoy, and many others lead students into such philosophical concepts and

issues as relativism; utilitarianism; virtue ethics; the meaning of life; freedom and autonomy; sex, love, and marriage; animal rights; and terrorism. Once introduced, these topics are developed further through readings by philosophers including Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Nozick, Singer, and Sartre. This unique anthology emphasizes the personal dimension of ethics, which is often ignored or minimized in ethics texts. It also incorporates chapter introductions, study questions, suggestions for further reading, and biographical sketches of the writers. The third edition brings the collection up-to-date, adding selections by Jane English, William Frankena, Don Marquis, John Stuart Mill, Mary Midgley, Thomas Nagel, Judith Jarvis Thomson, and J.O. Urmson. It also features a new chapter on euthanasia with essays by Dan W. Brock, J. Gay-Williams, and James Rachels. Ideal for introductory ethics courses, *The Moral Life, Third Edition*, also

provides an engaging gateway into personal and social ethics for general readers

**The Silent History** - Eli Horowitz 2014-06-10

A generation of children forced to live without words. It begins as a statistical oddity: a spike in children born with acute speech delays. Physically normal in every way, these children never speak and do not respond to speech; they don't learn to read, don't learn to write. As the number of cases grows to an epidemic level, theories spread. Maybe it's related to a popular antidepressant; maybe it's environmental. Or maybe these children have special skills all their own. *The Silent History* unfolds in a series of brief testimonials from parents, teachers, friends, doctors, cult leaders, profiteers, and impostors (everyone except, of course, the children themselves), documenting the growth of the so-called silent community into an elusive, enigmatic force in itself—alluring to some, threatening to

others. Both a bold storytelling experiment and a propulsive reading experience, Eli Horowitz, Matthew Derby, and Kevin Moffett's *The Silent History* is at once thrilling, timely, and timeless.

[Philosophical Skepticism](#) - Charles Landesman  
2008-04-15

*Philosophical Skepticism* provides a selection of texts drawn from the skeptical tradition of Western philosophy as well as texts written by opponents of skepticism. Taken together with the historical introduction by Landesman and Meeks, these texts clearly illustrate the profound influence that skeptical stances have had on the nature of philosophical inquiry. Draws a selection of texts from the skeptical tradition of Western philosophy as well as texts written by opponents of skepticism. Spans centuries of skeptical and anti-skeptical arguments, from Socrates to Rorty. Includes essays by Plato, Cicero, Diogenes Laertius, Descartes,

Hume, Kant, Kierkegaard, Russell, Quine, Nagel, and many others. Provides a solid foundation for further study.

**Native American Literature** - Lawana Trout 1999  
Comprises 100-plus poems, short stories, essays, and memoirs spanning 200 years, ranging from the oral tradition to contemporary writing, and representing a diversity of North American tribes. Organization is thematic, including such topics as images and identities, the remembered earth, growing up, and affairs of the heart. Also included are historical material, biographical information on the authors, discussion questions, and writing topics. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

**Pseudoscience and the Paranormal** - Terence Hines  
2010-09-30

...sure to please both the armchair skeptic looking for clear rebuttals to paranormal nonsense and the scientist interested in understanding the cognitive

mechanisms involved in supernatural beliefs.-  
Skeptical InquirerI found [it] an eye-opener in  
everything said....Hines writes with great insight  
and plain speaking without belittling the reader  
with anything but common-sense....this book has  
my unreserved recommendation to be read and  
thoroughly digested and deeply thought about.-  
SFCrownsnest.co.ukTelevision, the movies, and  
computer games fill the minds of their viewers  
with a daily staple of fantasy, from tales of UFO  
landings, haunted houses, and communication with  
the dead to claims of miraculous cures by gifted  
healers or breakthrough treatments by means of  
fringe medicine. The paranormal is so ubiquitous in  
one form of entertainment or another that many  
people easily lose sight of the distinction between  
the real and the imaginary, or they never learn to  
make the distinction in the first place. In this  
thorough review of pseudoscience and the

paranormal in contemporary life, psychologist  
Terence Hines teaches readers how to carefully  
evaluate all such claims in terms of scientific  
evidence.Hines devotes separate chapters to  
psychics; life after death; parapsychology; astrology;  
UFOs; ancient astronauts, cosmic collisions, and the  
Bermuda Triangle; faith healing; and more. New to  
this second edition are extended sections on  
psychoanalysis and pseudopsychologies, especially  
recovered memory therapy, satanic ritual abuse,  
facilitated communication, and other questionable  
psychotherapies. There are also new chapters on  
alternative medicine, which is now marketed in  
our drug stores, and on environmental  
pseudoscience, with special emphasis on the  
evidence that certain technologies like cell phones  
or environmental agents like asbestos cause  
cancer.Finally, Hines discusses the psychological  
causes for belief in the paranormal despite

overwhelming evidence to the contrary. This valuable, highly interesting, and completely accessible analysis critiques the whole range of current paranormal claims. Terence M. Hines (Pleasantville, NY) is professor of psychology at Pace University, and the author of the first edition of *Pseudoscience and the Paranormal*.

**Doing Philosophy** - Theodore Schick 2019

*Pro Truth* - Gleb Tsipursky 2020-05-29

How can we turn back the tide of post-truth politics, fake news, and misinformation that is damaging our democracy? First, by empowering citizens to recognize and resist political lies and deceptions: Using cutting-edge neuroscience research, we show you the tricks post-truth politicians use to exploit our mental blindspots and cognitive biases. We then share with you strategies to protect yourself and others from these threats.

Second, by addressing the damage caused by the spread of fake news on social media: We provide you with effective techniques for fighting digital misinformation. Third, by exerting pressure on politicians, media, and other public figures: Doing so involves creating new incentives for telling the truth, new penalties for lying, and new ways of communicating across the partisan divide. To put this plan into action requires the rise of a Pro-Truth Movement - a movement which has already begun, and is making a tangible impact. If you believe truth matters, and want to protect our democracy, please read this book, and join us. In the lead up to the 2020 US Presidential Election, Dr. Gleb Tsipursky and Tim Ward have teamed up to help citizens learn to protect themselves from lies, and empower them to put truth back into politics.

**The Trauma Myth** - Susan A Clancy 2009-12-15  
Drawing on the latest research on memory and

traumatic experience, Susan Clancy, an expert in experimental psychopathology, demonstrates that children describe abuse and molestation encounters in ways that don't fit the conventional trauma model. In fact, the most common feeling reported is not fear but confusion. Clancy calls for an honest look at sexual abuse and its aftermath, and argues

that the reactions of society and the healing professions -- however well meaning -- actually shackle the victims of abuse in chains of guilt, secrecy, and shame. Pathbreaking and controversial, *The Trauma Myth* radically reshapes our understanding of sexual abuse and its consequences.